

REMARKS

The Office Action mailed November 15, 2006 has been carefully considered.
Reconsideration in view of the following remarks is respectfully requested.

Rejection(s) Under 35 U.S.C. § 103 (a)

Claims 1 and 2 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as allegedly being unpatentable over Robins et al. (U.S. pat. no. 6,430,184; hereinafter, "Robins"). Applicants respectfully traverse.

As amended, Claims 1 and 2 now recite several features that are neither disclosed nor suggested by Robins. In particular the inventive architecture relating to the modules 10, 11, and 13-17 recited is not disclosed in Robins, nor are the processing steps involved in the transmission of the asynchronous data packets using this particular architecture.

Claim 3 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as unpatentable over Robins et al. (U.S. pat. no. 6,430,184) in view of Troxel et al. (U.S. pat. no. 6,014,381; hereinafter, "Troxel"). However, Troxel does not remedy the above shortcomings, and Claim 3, which depends from Claim 1, is allowable for at least the same reasons.

Conclusion

In view of the preceding discussion, Applicants respectfully urge that the claims of the present application define patentable subject matter and should be passed to allowance.

If the Examiner believes that a telephone call would help advance prosecution of the present invention, the Examiner is kindly invited to call the undersigned attorney at the number below.

Please charge any additional required fees, including those necessary to obtain extensions of time to render timely the filing of the instant Amendment and/or Reply to Office Action, or credit any overpayment not otherwise credited, to our deposit account no. 50-1698.

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